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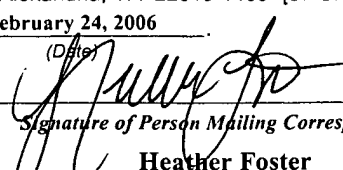
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Please enter the following Response in the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

This Response is to the restriction/election requirement mailed on February 9, 2006. The restriction/election requirement requires Applicants to elect one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1 to 26 and 35 to 50, drawn to a dialysis system and method, classified in class 604, subclass 5.01.
- II. Claims 27 to 34, drawn to a cassette, classified in class 210, subclass 646.
- III. Claims 51 to 56, drawn to drawn to methods for using and performing peritoneal dialysis, classified in class 604, subclass 29.
- IV. Claims 57 to 61, drawn to a method for performing peritoneal dialysis and hemodialysis, classified in class 128, subclass 898.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1 to 26 and 35 to 50. Applicants traverse concerns the findings that Groups I and II and I and IV are unrelated. Groups II and IV are drawn to dialysis methods. Group I is drawn to a system for providing dialysis. The groups are clearly related. The election is accordingly made with traverse.